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1. Until recently there were few Russian soldiers in Pazardzhik. During the past month, however, there has been a great influx of troops. Many private homes have been requisitioned. Facing the public square is an old prison into which the Russians have been moving great quantities of spare parts for airplanes. The building is well-guarded by Russian soldiers.
2. The railway station for Pazardzhik is approximately two and a half kilometers east of the city. From the station a road leads to Peshtera. Approximately one and a half kilometers from the station, along this dirt road, there is a small airfield which was built by the Germans when they were in Bulgaria. A short distance from the airfield is a small village called Boshiker. For the past year the Russians have been transferring "carloads" of "bombs" to this field. The bombs come by rail to Pazardzhik and then are transferred to the field by truck. At the present time there are two "one-half mile long rows" of these bombs. At each corner of the lines are sentry boxes with armed guards. Each day more bombs are being brought to the field. Also there are thousands of metal barrels of benzine, half buried in the ground. The Russians are reported to have said that "still more" bombs were coming.

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